

2010

Medicare Cuts to Hospitals: The federal government will reduce Medicare reimbursements for hospitals who provide seniors with long-term and inpatient and rehabilitation care.

Hospitals in “Frontier States”: North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Utah will receive higher Medicare payments

Hospitals in low cost areas: will receive higher Medicare payments for 2 years

Medicare Part D Rebate: Provides a \$250 rebate for all Medicare Part D Enrollees who enter the “donut hole” in 2010.

2011

Medicare Advantage Cuts Begin: Approximately 121,000 Illinois seniors will be dropped from their chosen Medicare Advantage coverage .

Drug Discounts for those in Medicare Part D “donut hole” begin: The federal government will impose a new requirement on pharmaceutical companies to provide a 50% discount on “brand name” prescriptions.

Increased Medicare Part D Premiums: Seniors with incomes above \$85,000 for individuals and \$170,000 for couples will be forced to pay higher Medicare Part D premiums.

Medicare Imaging Cuts: The federal government will cut Medicare reimbursements for seniors who use MRI and CT scans.

Medicare Cuts to Ambulance Services and Durable Medical Equipment: The federal government will begin cutting Medicare reimbursements for seniors who use ambulances or durable medical equipment.

Wheelchairs: Senior are prohibited from purchasing power wheelchairs unless they first rent for 13 months

Physician-Owned Hospitals: Prohibition on Medicare Payments to new physician owned hospitals

Physicians in “Frontier States”: will receive higher Medicare reimbursements

Community Health Centers: Will provide increased federal funding for community health centers

2012

Medicare Cuts for Hospitals with Readmissions: The federal government will cut Medicare reimbursements to any hospital with a high readmission rate.

Medicare Cuts for Hospice Care: The federal government will cut Medicare reimbursements for seniors on hospice care.

Medicare Cuts for Dialysis Care: The federal government will cut Medicare reimbursements for Americans – both youth and seniors – on dialysis.

2014

Medicare Board Cuts: The federal government will establish an Independent Payment Advisory Board with powers to make further cuts to seniors on Medicare.

2015

Medicare Home Health Cuts: The federal government will cut Medicare reimbursements for seniors who depend on home health care.